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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Claim 18. A computing system, comprising:

an accounts payable data base;

a translator for receiving an original electronic invoice from a trading partner and selectively rejecting said original invoice back to said trading partner or accepting said original invoice for further processing;

a preprocessor for identifying duplicate invoices from among electronic invoices accepted for further processing before introducing said electronic invoices into said accounts payable data base by:

sorting all inbound invoices in credit/debit sequence;

auditing only debit invoices one at a time for duplicate invoices and committing to said accounts payable data base only those debit invoices which are not duplicate invoices;

identifying invoices having a same vendor invoice designation, same purchase order number, and same item number;

calculating a net sum amount of items on invoices identified as having said same vendor invoice designation, said same purchase order number, and said same item number;

identifying as a duplicate invoice an original electronic invoice for which said net sum amount is greater than zero; said identifying including execution of check verbs, each said check verb being satisfied to identify said invoice as

a duplicate invoice; said check verbs including determining that this vendor is a vendor for which duplicate invoice checking is to be performed, determining that there is a purchase order history of previous purchase orders for said invoice, and determining for each item on said invoice a sum of its purchase order history, with said ~~sum being~~ sum being greater than zero for at least one said item;

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an invoice processor for selectively automatically communicating a duplicate invoice rejection transaction back to said vendor for said original electroic invoice identified as a duplicate invoice without posting said original electronic invoice to said accounts payable data base and introducing said original electronic invoice not identified as said duplicate invoice into said accounts payable data base.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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